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SUBJ: 197XUXUI GRAIN SUPPLY AND DEMAND--POLAND

- 1. POLISH MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE OFFICIALS RECENTLY ESTIMATED THAT THIS YEAR'S GRAIN-CROP LOSSES DUE TO HEAVY RAINS AND FLOODING THROUGHOUT THE HARVEST PERIOD WOULD AMOUNT TO 8 PERCNET OF AN EARLIER ESTIMATED 22 MMT CROP--OR AN EXPECTED TOTAL GRAIN PRODUCTION OF AROUND 20.3 MMT. THESE OFFICIALS LATER SAID, HOWEVER, THEY WOULD BE PLEASED IF 1977 PRODUCTION REACHES 20 MMT.
- 2. RYE, THE LARGEST SINGLE CROP,
  SUFFERED MOST FROM THE COLD AND RAINS. WHEAT FARED RELATIVELY
  BETTER, SINCE THE REGIONS OF SOILS
  (NORTH AND SOUTHWAST), WHERE WHEAT PRODUCTION IS
  MOST PREVALENT, SUFFERED LESS BAD WEATHER THAN THE
  REST OF THE COUNTRY.
- 3. MINAG OFFICIALS ALSO SAID THAT CORN-FOR-GRAIN WILL NOT BE HARVESTED ON 131,000 HECTARES, AS WAS RECENTLY FORECAST (TOFAS 132). INSTEAD, GRAIN-CORN HARVEST AREA IS NOW EXPECTED TO BE AROUND 90,000 HA. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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4. EXCESSIVE MOISTURE IN THIS YEAR'S POTATO CROP IS EXPECTED BY MINAG OFFICIALS TO REDUCE STORAGE LIFE AND THUS CONTRIBUTE TO INCREASED DEMAND FOR FEED GRAINS. DAVIES

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